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The Silver and Gold of the World.

Mr. Linderman, director of the Philadelphia Mint, has recently made a report in which are embodied some very interesting statistics regarding the value of gold and silver now in the world, and facts concerning the annual production of those metals. The language of this report is extremely careful not to make any statement that savors of exaggeration, and every deduction can doubtless be proved. Since 1847 the production of gold in the United States has aggregated \$1,240,750,000, nearly three-fourths of which came from the mines of California. From 1850 to 1860 the annual product of silver averaged less than \$50,000. In 1860 it reached \$200,000, and each year since that time has shown a large increase over the preceding year. In 1873 the silver product was nearly \$30,000,000, only about \$25,000 less than the gold product. The total amount of precious metals mined within the last twenty-five years is \$1,420,750,000, nearly double the product of Australia during the same time. Four centuries ago the world did not contain precious metals equivalent in value to those mined in the United States and Australia during the last quarter of a century, and this product is now valued at almost one-fifth of all now in human possession. The silver mine recently discovered in Nevada will largely increase the annual product of the United States. The great mine of which Mr. Sharon of Nevada, is chief proprietor, almost surpasses anything that has been imagined before. In this field gold and silver lie in solid masses, much of which is nearly pure, and what is thus heaped up is valued at more than \$300,000,000. Mr. Linderman's estimate of the amount of money in gold and silver in the world is probably as near the truth as can be reached. The recoinage of money and the use of precious metals for other purposes than currency, makes it impossible to arrive at more than an approximation of the sum total. It is thought that at the beginning of the fifteenth century the specie wealth of the world was a thousand millions. Since that time, about ten thousand millions have been produced, and twelve thousand millions is perhaps no exaggeration of the entire present wealth of the world in precious metals. At this period the total annual production of gold is about one hundred million, and of silver eighty million, which adds one and one-half per cent yearly to the total amount.

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The whole number of children attending the common schools of Pennsylvania last year was 850,774, and the average number 543,025. The cost for tuition amounted to \$4,527,308.03, for buildings, \$2,160,814.87; for contingencies, \$2,000,108.88. The aggregate expenditures for all school purposes, \$9,847,939.88, and including the amount expended for soldiers' orphans' and normal schools, \$3,408,819.37. During the last ten years graded schools have increased from 1,743 to 5,588; the average salary of male teachers from \$31.82 per month to \$42.95; the average salary of female teachers from \$24.21 to \$35.87; cost of tuition from \$3,215,528.63 to \$4,527,308.03; the cost of school houses from \$163,088.88 to \$2,160,374.87; expenditures of all kinds from \$3,614,238.55 to \$8,847,939.88; number of teachers of teachers' institutes from 2,765 to 3,070; normal schools from 4, with 1,766 students, to 8, with 9,915.

The Philadelphia Ledger published the following report of the earnings of the fifteen leading railroads to the latest dates reported, compared with last year's returns from January 1st:

Alexandria & Western . . . . . \$ 4,714,69 . . . . . \$ 4,755,18  
B. & O. Ry. . . . . 11,155,37 . . . . . 10,061,351  
Central Pacific . . . . . 18,385,00 . . . . . 12,800,027  
Clev. Old & Ind . . . . . 2,791,77 . . . . . 2,691,000  
Ind. & Michigan . . . . . 1,000,00 . . . . . 1,000,000  
Ind. & Western . . . . . 1,611,007 . . . . . 2,000,544  
Marietta & Cincinnati . . . . . 1,923,211 . . . . . 2,000,544  
Michigan Central . . . . . 1,000,00 . . . . . 1,000,000  
Milwaukee & St. Paul . . . . . 1,000,00 . . . . . 1,000,000  
N. & W. Ry. . . . . 5,836,000 . . . . . 5,800,000  
St. Louis, Alton & T. H. . . . . 1,18,000 . . . . . 1,18,000  
Toledo, Peoria & Wausau . . . . . 1,100,000 . . . . . 1,100,000  
Toledo, Wabash & Western . . . . . 1,000,000 . . . . . 1,000,000  
Union Pacific . . . . . 1,000,00 . . . . . 1,000,000

It will be noticed that the roads of the West have recovered from the effects of the panic much more than the Eastern roads.

## The Debt of Virginia.

The Washington Star says: "The Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia has recently decided that the States of Virginia and West Virginia are jointly and separately bound for the debt of the old State of Virginia. The present State has only claimed that West Virginia was liable for one-third of the debt, and that State has repudiated that claim on the ground principally that the money was expended mainly for the benefit of the old State." Under this view, Virginia, the creditor of that State, thus of course carries the whole matter to the Supreme Court of the United States, where the constitutionality of the act of the legislature of the two States will be involved."

## A Mistake Somewhere—Where?

Editors Intelligencer:

Pending the election of Superintendent by the Board of Education last evening, it was stated by a member that one of the candidates was in nomination (Prof. Z. G. Bundy) would for certain reasons decline the office if elected to it. When pressed to state the reasons he said that he declined because he was opposed to the whole institution, meaning the office of Superintendent of Schools. Your correspondent simply rises to ask how this statement, if made, can be reconciled with the following representations made to the State Legislature some two years since by the School Principals of this city, in what they say:

"We believe the wisdom of maintaining Superintendents in every town, not only in this city, but in large towns generally by the unity and harmony which it secures in educational work."

"We believe the selection of a Superintendent and fixing his salary is wisely placed in the hands of the Board of Education, and that it is a good plan."

"We also believe that no person should be eligible to the office of Superintendent who shall not have had at least an experience of five years as a practical teacher."

The above was signed by every School Principal in the city at that time, including the gentleman whose name was mentioned in connection with the office of Superintendent at the meeting of the Board of Education last evening.

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## The Workings of the Maine Liquor Law.

ATLANTA, Ga., December 30.—The statistics of the workings of the Prohibition law in Maine during the past year are interesting. Fifty thousand dollars in fines was imposed and collected for the violation of the Prohibition law during the year. There have been 276 convictions in the Supreme Court of runners, and 41 commitments to jail, a larger number than in any similar period previously. This is partially due to the sheriff's enforcement act, set in operation two years ago. Crime has decreased, the number of convictions being 25 per cent less than ten years ago. The number of sentences to State prisons and jails, exclusive of commitments for liquor selling, for the past year or thereabouts is nearly 50 per cent smaller, than in 1866.

The Hartford Evening Post furnishes these quotations of local insurance stocks:

	Bid.	Asked.
Alma	198	200
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Connex.	115	116
Phoenix	190	190
National	60	60
Orient	120	123
Atlas	100	100

## LIFE INSURANCE.

	Bid.	Asked.
Travelers	178	180
Railway Assurance Company	94	94
Connecticut	52	52
Hartford Life and Annuity	50	50
Life and Accident	100	100

## DIED.

ROBINSON.—On Sunday, January 3d, 1875, at 7 A. M., ELLEN L., wife of George W. Robinson, in the 33rd year of her age.

Funeral from the residence of her husband, No. 102 Fourteenth street, at 3 P. M. to-day. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

MESSRS. EDITORS—PLEASE AN-

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lection to the office of City Sergeant at the next charter election.

ED. M. DAVIS.

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